

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION OF BLOOD BY MEANS OF
HEMODIALYSIS AND/OR HEMOFILTRATION AND APPARATUS
FOR PERFORMING SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-5 and 10-13 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in
that the infusion rate (Q_{spre}) of the substitution solution
supplied upstream of the hemodialyser and/or the hemofilter (20) is
preferably increased relative to the infusion rate (Q_{spost})
supplied downstream of the hemodialyser and/or the hemofilter with
increasing trans-membrane (TMP) and/or increasing blood density
and/or increasing hematocrit value (HKT) of the blood.

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